

LERA OF WNY MEETING
Thursday, April 23, 2009
THE STEEL WINDS PROJECT

*****TOUR IS LIMITED TO 30 PARTICIPANTS*****
*****RESERVATIONS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE*****

The April program is a tour of the Steel Winds Wind Energy Generation Facility (directions enclosed), the first wind power project to be built on the U.S. shores of Lake Erie. Patrick Leary, Operations Manager, Niagara Wind Power, will host our tour at Steel Winds *beginning promptly at 5 PM.* The project is expected to supply enough clean, renewable electricity to serve the annual needs of about 6,000 average American homes. Steel Winds is expected to provide the annual clean air benefit of planting about 12,000 acres of forest and offsetting about 71 million pounds of carbon dioxide over the course of the project's life. Immediately following the tour, join us for a Steel Winds presentation, membership meeting and dinner at Ilio DiPaolo's (directions enclosed).

If you cannot make the tour, we still look forward to seeing you at the dinner meeting.

DATE: Thursday, April 23, 2009
5 PM Steel Winds Project, 1951 Hamburg Turnpike, Lackawanna,
5:30 PM Networking at Ilio DiPaolos, 3785 South Park Ave., Blasdell
6:00 PM Dinner
6:30 PM Meeting and Presentation
COST: \$25 advance mail payment; \$28 at door

REMEMBER: RSVP for the tour is "first come, first serve." Contact Sandy Luedke at 849-5466, or email at secretary@lerawny.org or sluedke@buffnews.com.

Also, **HOLD** these dates on your calendar:

- **May 20 – Charles E. Leonard Citizen of the Year Award
2009 Recipient: E. Joseph Giroux, Jr., Creighton, Pearce, Johnsen & Giroux**
- **June 18 – Executive Board Transition meeting**
- **August 19 – Annual United Way Day of Caring**
- **October 22 – First Regional LERA Conference, Pittsford, NY.**

Mary Kluczycki, President

Directions to Steel Winds

Exit at NYS Thruway Exit 55. Follow signs to Lackawanna. Stay on Ridge Rd. until you reach the end (it will intersect Route 5). Proceed across Route 5 to Hamburg Turnpike. Make a right turn. Turn left into the lot at the Donald Kane Bldg. (Erie County Water Authority). The Steel Winds building is behind the ECWA Bldg. Park your car near the building. We will depart at 5 pm sharp.

Directions to Ilio DiPaolo's

Ilio DiPaolo's is located at 3785 South Park Ave., Blasdell. Exit the NYS Thruway at Exit 56. Make a right turn onto Milestrip Rd. Make a right at the first light (South Park Ave.) and proceed until you reach the restaurant, which will be on your left across from Blasdell Elementary School.